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REMARKS - General

This is responsive to the Examiner's Office Action mailed October 2, 2007. Applicants have hereby elected Invention I (claims 1-20) for examination with traverse. Applicants have cancelled Invention II (claim 21) and Invention III (claims 22-41) from further consideration.

Applicants have amended claims 2-3, 7-8, and 11-18; have cancelled claims 5-6, 10, and 21-41. Thus claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 (a total of 17 claims, including 1 independent claim) are pending in this application.

The status of all claims and the text of all pending claims are shown above. In the changes made to the claims by the current amendment, ~~deletions are shown by strikethrough~~, and additions are underlined.

Discussion of Inventorship

Applicants certify that the subject matter of the various claims in this patent application was commonly owned at the time any invention covered therein was made absent any evidence to the contrary.

Discussion of Claim Election/Restriction

Inventions I and III are related as product and process of use. Inventions II and III are also related as product and process of use. The product of Invention I, a medical device, and the product of Invention II, a biodegradable medical device, can be used to treat target tissue, a process claimed as part of Invention III. Applicants elect to have Invention I (claims 1-20) examined with traverse.

Due to 'claim numbering inconsistency' in the present application, there were two claims with no. 20. Applicants submit that (1) the first claim no. 20 in Invention I is to be examined; (2) the second claim no. 20 in Invention II is to be cancelled; and (3) twenty-one claims (claims 21-41) following the second claim no. 20 in Invention III are to be cancelled.

Conclusion and Conditional Request For Constructive Assistance

For all of the above reasons, applicants submit that claims are now in proper form, and that the claims all define patentably over the prior art. Therefore, they submit that this

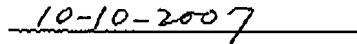
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application is now in condition for allowance, which action they respectfully solicit. If, for any reason, this application is not believed to be in full condition for allowance, applicants respectfully request the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 706.03(d) and § 707.07(j) in order that the undersigned can place this application in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings. If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned (949-887-2966) such that any remaining issues may be promptly resolved.

Respectfully submitted,



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Date